

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed H.R. 3850, Surface Transportation Extension Act.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

*Routine Proceedings, pages S1853–S1899*

**Measures Introduced:** Five bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2142–2146, and S. Res. 306. **Page S1891**

#### Measures Passed:

**9/11 Commission Extension:** Senate passed S. 2136, to extend the final report date and termination date of the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks Upon the United States, to provide additional funding for the Commission. **Page S1856**

**Surface Transportation Extension Act:** Senate passed H.R. 3850, to provide an extension of highway, highway safety, motor carrier safety, transit, and other programs funded out of the Highway Trust Fund pending enactment of a law reauthorizing the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S1884**

**Protection of Lawful Commerce In Arms Act:** Senate continued consideration of S. 1805, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or importers of firearms or ammunition for damages resulting from the misuse of their products by others, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S1860–73**

Pending:

**Hatch (for Campbell) Amendment No. 2623,** to amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. **Page S1860**

**Kennedy Amendment No. 2619,** to expand the definition of armor piercing ammunition and to require the Attorney General to promulgate standards for the uniform testing of projectiles against body armor. **Page S1860**

**Craig (for Frist/Craig) Amendment No. 2625,** to regulate the sale and possession of armor piercing ammunition. **Page S1860**

**Levin Amendment No. 2631,** to exempt any civil action against a person from the provisions of the bill if the gross negligence or reckless conduct of the person proximately caused death or injury. **Pages S1864–65, S1867–71**

**Warner Amendment No. 2624,** to improve patient access to health care services and provide improved medical care by reducing the excessive burden the liability system places on the health care delivery system. **Page S1865**

**Lautenberg Amendment No. 2632,** to require that certain notifications occur whenever a query to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System reveals that a person listed in the Violent Gang and Terrorist Organization File is attempting to purchase a firearm. **Pages S1871–72**

**Lautenberg Amendment No. 2633,** to exempt lawsuits involving injuries to children from the definition of qualified civil liability action. **Pages S1872–73**

A unanimous-consent agreement reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 12 noon, on Monday, March 1, 2004, with four hours for debate; further, at 4 p.m., Senator Bingaman will be recognized to offer an amendment, with a vote to occur thereon at 5 p.m. **Page S1898**

**International Fisheries Reauthorization Act—Referral Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement reached providing that the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 2584, to provide for the conveyance to the Utrok Atoll local government of a decommissioned National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ship, and the bill then be referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. **Page S1897**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.  
Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Marine  
Corps. **Pages S1898–99**

**Measures Referred:** **Pages S1890–91**

**Measures Placed on Calendar:** **Page S1891**

**Additional Cosponsors:** **Pages S1891–92**

**Statements on Introduced Bills/Resolutions:**  
**Pages S1892–95**

**Additional Statements:** **Page S1890**

**Amendments Submitted:** **Page S1892**

**Text of S. 1072, as Previously Passed:** (See Record  
of 2–26–04) **Pages S1702–S1848**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:32 a.m., and  
adjourned at 4:41 p.m., until 12 noon, on Monday,  
March 1, 2004. (For Senate's program, see the re-  
marks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on  
page S1898.)

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

# House of Representatives

## *Chamber Action*

The House was not in session today. The House  
will meet on Monday, March 1, in pro forma session.

## *Committee Meetings*

No committee meetings were held.

### CONGRESSIONAL PROGRAM AHEAD

Week of March 1 through March 6, 2004

#### Senate Chamber

On *Monday*, at 12 noon, Senate will resume con-  
sideration of S. 1805, Protection of Lawful Com-  
merce in Arms Act, with four hours for debate; fur-  
ther, at 4 p.m., Senator Bingaman will be recognized  
to offer an amendment, with a vote to occur thereon  
at 5 p.m.

On *Tuesday*, at 9:30 a.m., Senate will continue  
consideration of the bill, with votes on or in relation  
to certain pending amendments, including a vote on  
final passage of the bill.

During the balance of the week, Senate may con-  
sider any other cleared legislative and executive busi-  
ness.

#### Senate Committees

*(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)*

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* March  
4, Subcommittee on Marketing, Inspection, and Product  
Promotion, to hold oversight hearings to examine the de-  
velopment of a national animal identification plan, 2  
p.m., SH–216.

*Committee on Appropriations:* March 1, Subcommittee on  
Defense, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget es-  
timates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of De-  
fense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 2, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State,  
and the Judiciary, to hold hearings to examine proposed  
budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department  
of Commerce, 10 a.m., SD–192.

March 2, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, to hold  
hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal  
year 2005 for science and technology programs, informa-  
tion analysis, and infrastructure protection, 10 a.m.,  
SD–124.

March 3, Subcommittee on Energy and Water Devel-  
opment, to hold hearings to examine proposed budget es-  
timates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department of Ener-  
gy's Office of Science, Office of Nuclear Energy, Science  
and Technology, and Office of Energy Efficiency and Re-  
newable Energy, 10 a.m., SD–138.

March 3, Subcommittee on District of Columbia, to  
hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for  
fiscal year 2005 for the government of the District of Co-  
lumbia, focusing on Court Services, Offender Supervision  
Agency, and the Public Defender Service, 10:30 a.m.,  
SD–124.

March 3, Subcommittee on Defense, to hold hearings  
to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005  
for the Department of Defense, 10:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 4, Subcommittee on Interior, to hold hearings  
to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005  
for the Department of Energy, 9:30 a.m., SD–124.

March 4, Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human  
Services, and Education, to hold hearings to examine pro-  
posed budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the De-  
partment of Education, 9:30 a.m., SD–192.

March 4, Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Inde-  
pendent Agencies, to hold hearings to examine proposed  
budget estimates for fiscal year 2005 for the Department  
of Veterans Affairs, 10 a.m., SD–628.

March 4, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold  
hearings to examine proposed budget estimates for fiscal  
year 2005 for the General Accounting Office, the Gov-  
ernment Printing Office, and the Congressional Budget  
Office, 11 a.m. SD–116.